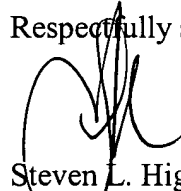


REMARKS

Claims 16, 17 and 24-30 are pending in the application. The rejection of claims 16, 17 and 27-30 has been affirmed by the Board of Appeals, and claim 26 stands newly rejected. Applicants now provide an amendment to place the subject matter of claim 24 – not rejected – into independent/allowable condition.

Should the examiner have any questions regarding this paper, a telephone call the undersigned is invited.

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